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Box PATENT APPLICATION
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Re: New U.S. Patent Application
Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
PERFORMING AUTOFOCUSING
IN A MICROSCOPE
Inventors: Marc LEBLANS et al.

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 65 pages, including 6 independent claims and 52 claims total.
2. Drawings - 14 sheets of informal drawings (Figures 1-12).
3. A check for \$1,500.00 representing a \$690.00 filing fee and \$810.00 for additional claims.
4. Information Disclosure Statement with references.

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

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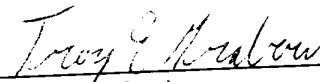
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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